

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING
Hosted from Garfield County Courthouse
55 South Main, Panguitch

Tuesday March 9th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Donald J. Willden
Ms. Barbara Robinson

Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds
Mr. Arthur Cooper

Commissioner Lois L. Bulloch
Ms. Marsha Perkins
Ms. Minnie Pittman

Mr. Tim Christensen

Commissioner James Eardley

Mr. Kent Heideman

Ms. Stephanie Hagberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Beth Cottam
Ms. Sherri Dial
Ms. Brenda Mckee
Ms. Jane Lewis

EXCUSED:

Ms. Cary Faye
Commissioner Dan Hulet
Ms. Deon Alvey
Mr. Wallace Gibson

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Co. Commissioner (Via audio conference)
Beaver Community Rep. (Via audio conference)

Garfield Co. Commissioner (Via audio conference)
Garfield Co. Community Rep. (Via audio conference)

Iron County Commissioner (Via audio conference)
Iron County Community Rep. (Via audio conference)
Iron County Low Income Rep. (Via audio conference)

Kane County Low Income Rep. (Via audio conference)

Washington Co. Commissioner (Via audio conference)

Washington Co. Community Rep. (Via audio conference)

Washington Co. Low Income Rep. (Via audio conference)

FCAOG Staff (Via audio conference)
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Beaver Co. Low Income Rep.
Kane County Commissioner
Garfield Co. Low Income Rep.
Kane Co. Community Rep.

Special Circumstances:

The Human Services Council Meeting was held with host site at Garfield County Court House, 55 South Main, Panguitch, on Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Garfield County staff assured a speaker phone was on and available at advertised host site. Commissioner Dodds and Mr. Art Cooper were in the Garfield County building by Commissioner Dodd's computer. Dr. Kent Heideman, Commissioner Eardley, Ms. Stephanie Hagberg, and AOG staff congregated in the St. George AOG conference room with speaker phone, computer and projection system. Everyone else attended via audio conferencing from home/office sites using computers where "Go to Meeting" technology was also introduced. It was the first attempt at such wide spread use of technology to conduct and attend the meeting. It was necessary due to the poor travel conditions forecast and snow in the region. The portable audio microphones were not as functional for two way listening as the speaker on the office phone system. Council Members were very patient and coped with challenges in order to accomplish the meeting. Ms. Jane Lewis and Ms. Sherri Dial provided technical support sending emails of information and making them available to participants through the "Go to Meeting" system. Dr. Heideman conducted the meeting.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Human Services Council participated in the meeting over a conference call. There was some challenge getting the speakers to work properly for the conference call. Dr. Heideman asked everyone to introduce themselves over the phone so everyone in the Council could know who was attending the meeting and declared there was a quorum.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12th, 2010 MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Bulloch to approve the January 12th minutes, seconded by Mr. Tim Christensen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. FY 2011 SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS

Dr. Heideman turned the time over to Ms. Beth Cottam to inform the Council about the SSBG applications. Ms. Cottam explained that the applications have or will be emailed to all council members and former grant recipients. She announced the public notices would be published twice in the newspaper advertising the CSBG/SSBG applications. The SSBG applications will be due by April 19th. Ms. Cottam announced to the council that a copy of the application can be mailed upon request. Mr. Art Cooper suggested to have all information that is sent by email to the council be converted into a PDF file.

IV. FY 2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS

Dr. Kent Heideman asked Ms. Cottam to inform the council about the CSBG applications and due dates. Ms. Cottam emailed all council members a CSBG application and indicated copies of the application have or will be sent to former applicants. Ms. Cottam also announced the public notices will be published twice in the newspaper in the same announcement as SSBG. CSBG applications are due by April 16th. Ms. Cottam

announced each council member will receive a prepared package of all applications received to be reviewed before the next Human Service Council meeting in May.

V. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM – PHASE 28

- a. WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTION
- b. IRON COUNTY JURISDICTION
- c. THREE COUNTY JURISDICTION

Ms. Cottam informed the council about the Emergency Food and Shelter Programs (EFSP). The Emergency Food and Shelter Board have had the two required yearly meetings and have allocated funds to each county jurisdiction. Many of the providers that receive EFSP funds also receive CSBG funds. A copy of the allocations was distributed and emailed to Council members.

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

- a. VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
- b. UTAH SAVES WEEK
- c. RE-PRINTING OF FIVE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Dr. Heideman turned the time over to Ms. Sherri Dial. Ms. Dial distributed information about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to all board members. The information included the number of taxes filed last year as compared to this year so far. The handout also listed the sites where the VITA program is taking place this year. Ms. Dial announced that a few of the VITA sites are at Dixie State College, Bloomington Wal-Mart, and Southern Utah University. Commissioner Eardley commented on the substantial difference in numbers of individuals receiving tax assistance with the VITA program in Iron County compared to Washington County. There are a lot more individuals getting taxes filed in Iron County than there are in Washington County. Ms. Dial announced there have been a lot of advertising throughout the communities about the VITA program. Ms. Dial stated that Utah is the highest state of taxes being filed through the VITA program. Ms. Cottam asked Ms. Dial if she would take information regarding Commissioner Eardley's concern to discuss it with the region's VITA coalition members.

Ms. Dial gave the council information about the Utah Saves program. It is a state wide program that encourages people to save money. There will be a CASH Expo taking place on March 16th which will have classes and information about budgeting, loan modification, credit repair, and foreclosure prevention. Representative Dave Clark will be speaking.

Ms. Dial updated the council about the new 2010 Human Resource Directory. Ms. Dial announced there should hopefully be 15 to 20 thousand copies printed. Ms. Dial handed out a draft of the cover page of the directory. The Directory will have great resources throughout all the five county area.

VII. 17TH ANNUAL HUMAN SERVICE PUBLIC FORUMS

- a. DATES AND TIMES
- b. LOCATION HOSTS

Dr. Heideman asked Ms. Sherri Dial to announce the 17th annual Public Forums that will take place in March and April. Ms. Dial informed the council of the dates, and places the forums will be held. Ms. Dial announced that there will be a public forum in each county. Washington County's public forum will be on March 29th in the Gardner Center at Dixie State College, Iron County's will be at Festival Hall on April 8th, Kane County's will be April

12th at the Holiday Inn Express, Beaver County's will be April 14th at the Senior Citizen Center, and Garfield County's will be April 21st at the Panguitch Library. The public forums are to bring community residents together to participate and discuss issues, needs, concerns and solutions within the community. There will be a clicker system for all attendees to use and respond with their opinion on certain issues. The public will be able to see the information and response percentages instantly as they respond by using the clicker system.

VIII. DBA FACS PRO DATABASE DEMONSTRATION

Dr. Heideman asked to postpone the FACSPRO Database presentation until the next Human Service Council meeting due to technical problems with the computers and phone.

IX. NEW WEB PAGE FOR FIVE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Ms. Dial announced that Five County is in the process of creating a new website. The website will be fivecounty.cap and will contain links to resources in the area. Ms. Dial explained there will be a link for self help areas and referenced information on cloth diapers as an example. The link will explain and show how to get started and use cloth diapers. There will also be many other links to find resources in the area. The website will have the Human Resource Directory as well.

X. OTHER

Ms. Stephanie Hagberg commented that she has noticed food box newsletters and other flyers have not been passed out to all clients on a regular basis at the pantry in her county. It is important for this information to be included in each food box because the papers give great resources and information.

Also, Ms. Cottam commented that Ms. Jane Lewis has been working well with the providers demonstrating how to use the database.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Beaver Southwest Center Conference Room, 75 West 1175 North Beaver, UT.

XII. ADJOURN

Ms. Cottam thanked everyone for being so patient with the technical issues with the phone system. Dr. Heideman invited a motion be made to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Art Cooper to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Barbara Robinson.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY